

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*Setting Seven*

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the laws. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

# Joys & Concerns

## Prelude

David Prodoehl, Guest Musician

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C. Amen**

**P.** Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P.** Steadfast and faithful God,

**C. you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

**P.** Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven

**C. Amen**

## Gathering Hymn

*As We Gather at Your Table*

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## The Greeting

**P.** From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

## Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

### Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 119:33-40

## PRAYING TO BE LIKE CHRIST



Psalmody

Psalm 119:33-40

(tone 1)

chanted responsively



Teach me, O LORD, the way <sup>1</sup> of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it <sup>1</sup> to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall <sup>1</sup> keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with <sup>1</sup> all my heart.**

Lead me in the path of <sup>1</sup> your commandments,  
for that is <sup>1</sup> my desire.

**Incline my heart to <sup>1</sup> your decrees  
and not to <sup>1</sup> unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from be- <sup>1</sup> holding falsehood;  
give me life <sup>1</sup> in your way.

**Fulfill your promise <sup>1</sup> to your servant,  
which is for <sup>1</sup> those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach <sup>1</sup> that I dread,  
because your judg- <sup>1</sup> ments are good.

**Behold, I long for <sup>1</sup> your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- <sup>1</sup> liven me.**

### Second Reading

### Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



### Gospel Acclamation

*¡A - le - lu - ya,                      a - le - lu - ya,                      a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya,                      a - le - lu - ya,                      a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya,                      a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya!                      ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia!                      Al - le - lu - ia!*

P. The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter eighteen.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell

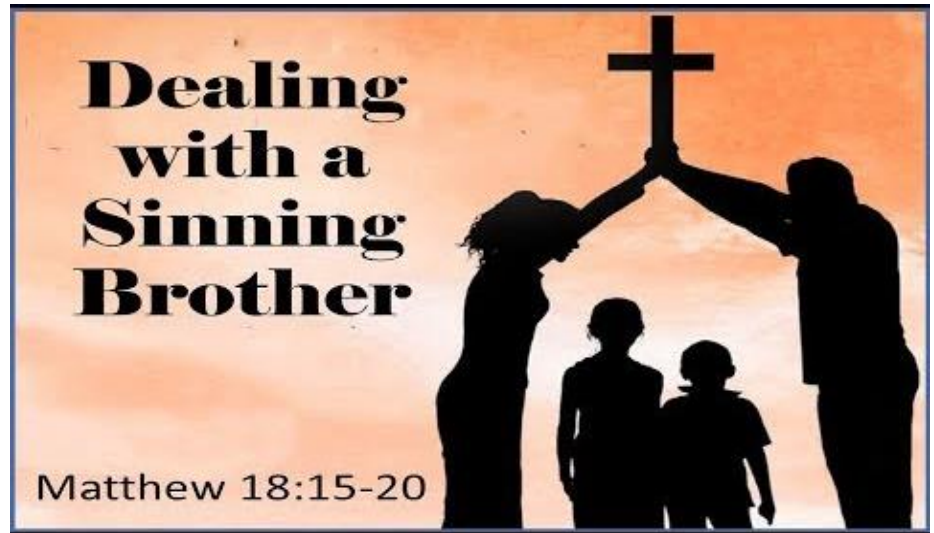


you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P. The gospel of the Lord.**

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**



**The Sermon**

John Petry, Interim Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

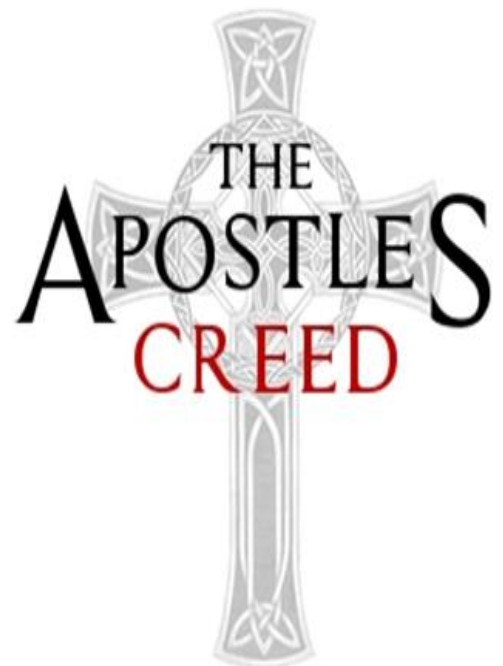
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# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen



## Prayers of Intercession

- A.** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence*

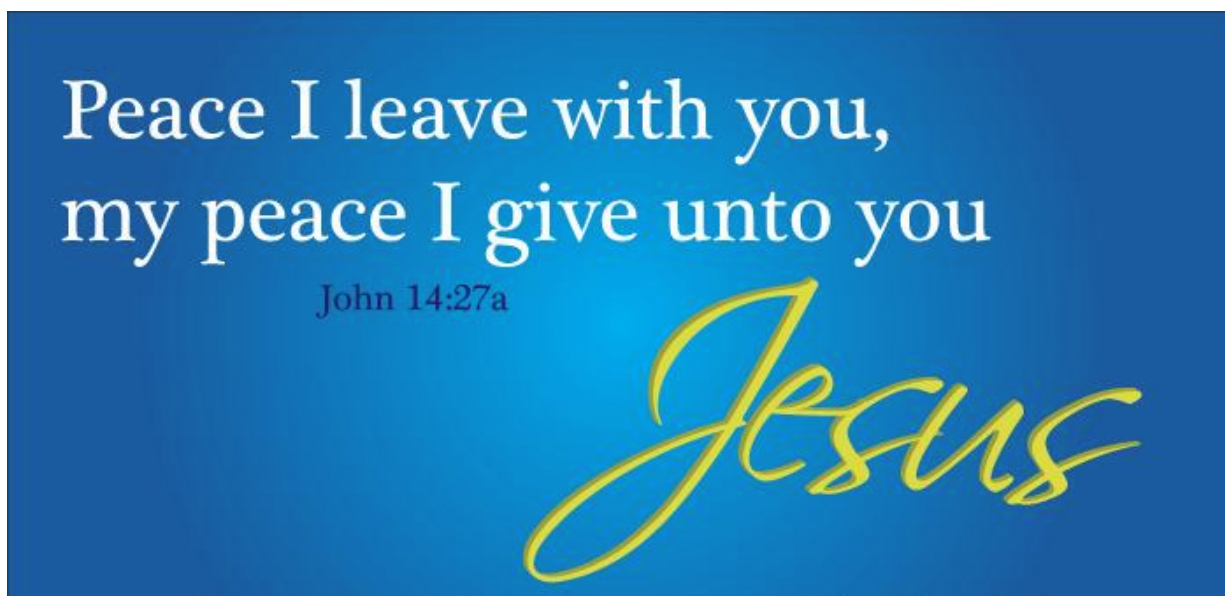
Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths.

Merciful God,

- C. receive our prayer.**

- P.** Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

- C. Amen.**



## The Peace

- P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.
- C. And also with you.**

## Offering and Offertory

### Let the Vineyards . . .



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### Offertory Prayer

A. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right . . .





# The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## Eucharistic Prayer



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

### Invitation to Communion

P. Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. Everyone is invited, no exceptions.

C. Amen.

#### *O Lamb of God*

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
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O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## Communion Music and Anthem

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song* - Choir

## Post Communion Blessing

**P.** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace.

**C. Amen**



## Post Communion Prayer

**A.** Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C. Amen.**

## Blessing

**P.** The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*Go My Children, with My Blessing*

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## Dismissal

**A.** Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C. Thanks be to God.**



## Postlude

*Many thanks to David Prodoehl  
for supplying last Sunday  
and this Sunday!*

*Thank You*



## Servers for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Assisting Minister ..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Rena Bogle  
Altar Guild ..... Grace Barnes  
Greeters/Counters ..... Tim Clark / Linda Hash  
Guest Musician ..... David Prodoehl

# serve

## ONE ANOTHER IN

# love

galatians 5:13



**Flowers** this week are given by  
Tom & Alecia Harrison in celebration of  
Ben & Kathleen's Birthdays.

**Candles** for September are  
provided by Tom & Alecia Harrison  
in honor of Ben & Lori's Baptisms.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for  
the candles in the sanctuary for the month  
or the flowers that beautify the church each  
Sunday.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board  
in the hallway.





*Pray for your  
Call Committee*

Family of Monna Stamm

Rita's co-worker, Elizabeth Alexander – colon cancer

Rita & Pam's friend, Tomma Hargraves -- lymphoma

Kathy Hart's brother, Dan – recovering from a stroke

Ginny King's sister, Mary Anna Strickler – broken hip / hip replacement

Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Lora Clark's friend, Rebecca Bowman – recovering

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda – cancer

Sheryll's friend Tony – terminal cancer

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Father of Julia Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Holly Hans' sister, Heather House & her family

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Tim & Rita's sister-in-law, Jane Clark – breast cancer has returned

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Rob Havenstein

Diana Havenstein

Peg & Dave Stamp, myeloma

Donna Hannah – bad fall

Mary Ann Jackson      Dayshaun

Jim Powers      Sharon Vietri

Holly Han's mother, Carol Hardy

Jonathan McCoy

The logo features the word "pray" in a large, dark, serif font, with "EVERY DAY" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font below it. A green palm frond graphic is positioned behind the word "pray".

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